STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

VEHICLE INDUSTRY NEWS

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Subject: Destruction of License Plates After a Lien Sale

Background

Legislation effective January 1, 2000, requires any license plate(s) to be removed and destroyed at the time of a lien sale. Also, a Notice of Release of Liability (REG 138) must be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) after the lien sale is completed. This memo clarifies the procedures stated in Vehicle Industry News (VIN) 99-20 regarding maintenance of a log of license plates destroyed.

Log Not Required

VIN 99-20 stated, "Cut the plate(s) in two and maintain a log of plates destroyed."

Destruction of the plates is required; however, the maintenance of a log is for your record purposes only and is **not** required.

Distribution

This memo was distributed in January 2000 to the following:

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Contact

- Your local DMV field office regarding questions on processing transactions.
- The DMV Customer Communications Section at (916) 657-6560 for further clarification of this memo. Upon request, this document can be produced in Braille or large print.

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